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Fulbright Hints Activities of CIA In U.S. Widespread

Senator J. William Fulbright said Thursday night in Little Rock that the Central Intelligence Agency is involved in domestic activities "to a much greater extent" than recent disclosures of CIA involvements would indicate.

There may come a time, he said, when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which he heads, would reveal in detail what these CIA operations are. (Fulbright had told the press after an executive session of the Committee last week which dealt with the CIA that he had "no com-

ment.") Fulbright said of the recent revelations of CIA financial sponsorship of such organizations as the National Student Association and the American Newspaper Guild; "It's a very bad thing."

He said "There may have been some justification for their activities in 1952. This was in the thick of the cold war * * * but I think they carried it on much too long. This disclosure has been much too embarrassing * * * I can imagine any students going abroad without being chided, 'Are you an agent of the CIA?'"

Fulbright said he wouldn't question the motives of President Johnson in revealing the contents of a letter from Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin last week, shortly after Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem., N. Y.) had made a Senate speech in favor of de-escalating the Vietnam war. The president's choice of timing in releasing the letter—which seemed to show Russian interest in talks to end the missile race—had been interpreted widely as a means of offsetting the effects of the Kennedy speech.

"But I don't think there's enough in it [the letter] to build up any hope," Fulbright said.

If the Vietnam war continues at its present pace into the election season of 1968, President Johnson "might have a very difficult time getting re-elected," Fulbright said, but added this was "a very speculative thing."

Asked about attempts by some groups to mount support

for a Kennedy-Fulbright ticket in 1968, Fulbright called them "far-fetched." He said he disapproved of any such efforts.

Fulbright was interviewed at Adams Field, where he landed for a brief stay in Little Rock.

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